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Fountain Valley Board of Trustees
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Dear Board of Trustees:

Huntington Beach Tomorrow is an organization dedicated to preserving the quality of life for all Huntington Beach citizens.

We appreciate your desire to have income to fund your desired educational needs. However, we find the proposed action to sell the open space on the Newland and Lamb closed school sites for residential purposes to be detrimental to the present and future citizens of Huntington Beach as well as Fountain Valley. Thousands of children and adults use these sites for open space purposes annually.

Open space is necessary to nourish the body, the mind, and the spirit of our citizens now and in the future. Once open space is developed it is gone forever.

Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley have master plans of land use that allocates land to commercial, residential, industrial, and public uses. The citizens of these cities expected the open space would remain a recreational public resource when they voted for the bonds to construct the schools. To sell the open space for development to satisfy short-term needs in our opinion exhibits a lack of vision not befitting responsible elected officials.

The Huntington Beach City School District has won community support at the ballot box for increased taxes to fund their needs. We recommend the Fountain Valley School District sponsor a successful campaign for a parcel tax to meet their needs.

We hope you will not proceed with your sale plans and thereby avoid divisive community legal or ballot box remedies.

Sincerely,

Ed Kerins
President

CC: Fountain Valley View
Huntington Beach Independent
Huntington Beach Wave
Orange County Register
Los Angeles Times